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We're Here to Help

One of the central missions of the [Statewide Planning Program](http://www.planning.ri.gov) is to enable cities and towns to create great communities.

The staff of the Statewide Planning Program is here to help, with everything from document review to data gathering, fact checking to facilitation. Our staff has expertise in a variety of topics, including GIS and mapping, public participation, data analysis, redevelopment planning and urban design.

If you think your community could benefit from the assistance of the Statewide Planning Program, contact Jared Rhodes at 222-5772 or Jared.Rhodes@doa.ri.gov.



RhodeMap RI Great Places Workshops

Where and how should your community grow?

Join RhodeMap RI in November for the third round of Great Places Workshops at six locations across the state. Please join your colleagues and neighbors in a fun, interactive mapping game to envision options for the future of Rhode Island. Where and how should we grow? How should growth and preservation differ in urban, suburban, and rural areas? All November workshops will start promptly at 5:00 PM.

The purpose of the public workshops is to get input from the public as well as municipal officials and staff on existing and potential future growth centers. Participants in the meetings will also have an opportunity to review the revised maps showing green assets, such as water and agriculture, and economic and social assets such as roads, job centers, and cultural sites, based on feedback from the first two rounds. *This workshop will also present maps on development suitability based on physical or environmental constraints, or other hazards.*

A final round of workshops in January will explore things the state can do to reform regulations or provide incentives to support growth centers and conservation.

If you can't attend a workshop, all maps are viewable and interactive online. For more information, visit <http://rhodemapri.org> and click on "View Maps."

November 6, 2013

Blackstone Valley
Woonsocket Depot
One Depot Square
Woonsocket, RI
5:00 PM – 7:30 PM

November 7, 2013

Southern Rhode Island
URI Bay Campus – 215 South Ferry Rd
Coastal Inst. Bldg – Hazard Rm A
Narragansett, RI
5:00 PM – 7:30 PM

November 12, 2013

Newport County
Best Western Mainstay Inn
151 Admiral Kalbfus Road
Newport, RI
5:00 PM – 7:30 PM

November 14, 2013

Greater Providence
Hall Library
1825 Broad Street
Cranston, RI
5:00 PM – 7:30 PM

November 19, 2013

East Bay
Riverside Library
475 Bullocks Point Avenue
East Providence, RI
5:00 PM – 7:30 PM

November 21, 2013

Northern RI
Smith Library
100 Tinkham Lane
Harrisville, RI
5:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Division of Planning Committee Meetings



State Planning Council

November 7th, 9:00 a.m.

One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI

Conference Room A

<http://www.planning.ri.gov/council/planningcouncil/>

Technical Committee

November 1st, 9:00 a.m.

One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI

Conference Room A

<http://www.planning.ri.gov/council/technical/>

Transportation Advisory Committee

November 21st, 6:30 p.m. a.m.

One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI

Conference Room A

<http://www.planning.ri.gov/council/transportation>

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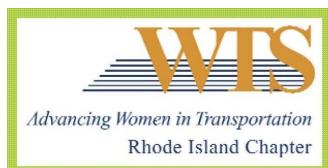
Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission

Call for ideas: 2014

R.I. Statewide Historic Preservation Conference

The R.I. Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission is planning the 29th Annual Rhode Island Statewide Historic Preservation Conference for Saturday, April 26, 2014 in Warren with visits to Barrington and the region. Have a suggestion for a conference workshop, tour, or speaker? Workshops run 75 minutes long and focus on topics like village revitalization, preservation education, local history, archaeology, etc. Tours run 1.25, 2.5, or 3 hours long.

To share your idea, email Sarah Zurier at srah.zurier@preservation.ri.gov. If you are suggesting a topic for a tour or workshop, please include the names of potential speakers or organizations that might participate.



WTS-Rhode Island November Luncheon Rhode Island Strategic Highway Safety Plan

Please join WTS-Rhode Island for a luncheon on Wednesday, November 13 from 11:30 AM -1:30 PM at the Providence Marriott. A panel discussion on the RI Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) will be held with representatives of RIDOT, the Office of Highway Safety, MADD, AAA and the State Police. To register for this event please contact Lucy Almeida at 401-834-1068 or wtsrhodeisland@gmail.com by 4:00 PM on Wednesday, November 6.

For the November Luncheon flyer,

http://www.wtsinternational.org/assets/80/22/WTS-RI_November_2013_Luncheon_flyer_rev2.pdf



NEURISA Lightning Talks Newport, RI

Thursday, November 14, 4-7pm

Gas Lamp Grille (206 Thames Street, Newport)

Notes: Free, Open to the Public, Need to Register

Website: <http://www.neurisa.org/events>

(<http://www.edc.uri.edu/rigis/about/calendar.html> for more details)



Rhode Island Society of
Professional Land Surveyors

RISPLS Annual Meeting

Friday, November 15

Newport Hyatt Regency (1 Goat Island, Newport)

Notes: Save the Date, Registration Cost TBD, Check

Website: <http://www.rispls.org/>

(<http://www.edc.uri.edu/rigis/about/calendar.html> for more details)



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Rhode Island Community Profiles Training

Rhode Island Community Profiles is a set of comprehensive maps and data on neighborhoods across Rhode Island. Find data on race, income, housing, transportation, employment, education, and more. RI Community Profiles was developed by The Providence Plan Information Group which provides Rhode Islanders and state agencies with data and information to support critical decision making.

This workshop is designed for municipal planning staff and others who need to access data for comprehensive planning or grant proposals. You will learn to navigate the site including some hands-on exercises, margin of error issues, RI data quirks, and how data is collected. There will also be some additional data hunt exercises using typical comprehensive plan information retrieval and the use of the search function and the data displays. At the end there will be time for discussion and feedback about how Community Profiles can be made even more useful for planners.

The workshop will be held on **Wednesday, November 20, 2013 from 9:30 am until 11:30 am** at The Education Exchange, 33 North Road, C – 1, Peace Dale, RI. 2 CM credits have been request from RI APA.

This workshop is free of charge, but limited seating is available. Advance registration by Nov. 15th is required. Registration will be closed once capacity has been reached.

Design Guidelines and Standards Workshop

This is a workshop for RI municipal planners and planning boards who are considering the use of design guidelines/standards for development in order to achieve/maintain the physical character that the community desires. The workshop will provide guidance about how a community can go about answering two key questions:

•**What do we want?** Architect Don Powers of Union Studio Architecture and Community Design will discuss how a community goes about engaging officials and citizens in analyzing the existing physical character of an area and arriving at a community consensus about what they want the area to be like in the future.

•**How should we use our community planning/regulatory framework to get what we want?** Nate Kelly of Horsley Witten will discuss the different approaches a municipality can use for incorporating design goals into RI's legally mandated community planning framework (ie, comprehensive plan, ordinances, regulations) and how to determine which approach is best suited to a given community.

The workshop will be held on **Wednesday, December 4, 2013 from 6:30pm until 9:00pm** in Middletown.

This workshop is **free of charge**, but limited seating is available. Advance registration by Thursday, November 21st is required. Registration will be closed once capacity has been reached. The workshop is **eligible for 2.5 AICP CM credits**.

Writing Sound Decisions

Writing Sound Decisions is designed to help municipal planners, legal staff and boards and commissions write decisions whose content will hold up in court and whose clarity will make them readily understandable for both enforcement officers and property owners. It is specifically intended to address the problem, noted repeatedly in recent Superior Court and Supreme Court decisions, that written decisions coming out of municipal planning boards and zoning boards do not explain how the evidence contained in the record led the board to reach its conclusions. Taught by Rhode Island land-use attorney Nancy Letendre, the program is grounded in Rhode Island law and cites recent Rhode Island Superior and Supreme Court decisions. The workshop handbook provides both a summary of material covered in the workshop and appendices that include templates for simple decisions, examples of appropriate content for more complex decisions and a glossary of terms. The workshop culminates in a hands-on writing exercise.

The workshop will be held on **Tuesday, November 12, 2013 from 5:30pm until 9:00pm** (including a light supper) in Central Falls.

REGISTRATION FEE ASSISTANCE! The Rhode Island Interlocal Risk Management Trust is partnering with the Land-Use Training Collaborative to provide registration fee assistance for Trust members for this workshop. The registration fee for the workshop is scaled according to Member participation levels in The Trust. Trust Members who participate in both the Property/ Liability Pool and the Workers' Compensation Pool may register people free of charge. Trust Members who participate in only one Trust Pool may register people for 50% of the standard fee (ie, \$15.00). Non-Trust members pay the standard registration fee (\$30.00.)



Private Well Workshop Calendar
6 - 8 PM Monday, November 4, 2013,
Cumberland Public Library, 1464 Diamond Hill Road, Cumberland, RI

Pre-registration is required for workshops as space is limited. Programs are free.
Call (401) 874-4918 to register. For more information, see www.riwelltesting.org

During the workshop you will learn how you can protect your private well through:

- Regular testing
- Private well maintenance
- Good housekeeping practices for your well



The workshops are hosted by the Rhode Island Department of Health and the University of Rhode Island's Cooperative Extension Water Quality Program.

Working with ArcGIS.com: Maps and Geographic Data on the Web, Date: January 7, 2014; 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM, Registration Fee : \$100

Summary: This is a half-day training program that will introduce you to ESRI's online mapping applications available at ArcGIS.com and give you the tools to access the volumes of data being served from RIGIS which are easily accessible in this interface.

- Explore ready to use map services from RIGIS and others (hundreds of maps!)
- Query existing data
- Build your own maps using readily available data from RIGIS and other sources
- Create your own data (import: .csv, .txt, addresses, .gpx, heads-up digitizing)
- Share your maps via e-mail, Facebook, Twitter or embed the code into your own website

ArcGIS Online, services developed by ESRI that allow users to upload, download, and create data. Users may choose to make their map data public or limit access by using groups.

Requirements: This course is intended for those interested in working with geographic data and requires only a modest level of technical skill. ***No prior GIS knowledge is necessary!***

Participants will:

- Create a customized ArcGIS Online map
- Become comfortable with the ArcGIS.com interface
- Learn to access the RIGIS ArcGIS Server maps
- Use tools to create layers on your custom map
- Import .csv files with location data (x,y, address) on to map
- Import Shapefiles on to an ArcGIS.com map
- Learn how to share a map via email, Facebook, Twitter or by embedding it into own website.

Introduction to GIS Desktop:

Dates: January 14 - 16, 2014; 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM, Registration Fee: \$750

Summary: This three-day hands-on computer course provides an introduction to the capabilities of GIS. Using ESRI's ArcGIS 10.2, software, we teach the fundamentals of working with GIS data, how to query a GIS database, edit spatial and attribute data and how to present data using maps, reports, and graphs. We also work extensively with the [Rhode Island Geographic Information System \(RIGIS\)](http://Rhode Island Geographic Information System (RIGIS)) database.

Introduction to GIS Desktop: (continued)

All students receive hands-on software instruction, course books with exercises with accompanying training data. Upon successful completion of the course, students receive a **URI Certificate of Course Completion**. Classes are taught at **URIs Kingston campus**.

Requirements: Participants should be comfortable working in a windows environment. Please visit ESRI's training website and try this free course on **Getting Started with GIS (for ArcGIS 10)** This will provide you with a comprehensive introduction to the topics that will be covered in the three-day course.

Topics Covered:

- Geospatial data types: storage and management
- Introduction to the ArcMap interface: toolbars, pop-up / drop-down menu
- How to display, symbolize, label geospatial data
- Using ArcGIS.com basemaps and other internet map services
- Printing and exporting maps
- Creating and Editing geospatial data
- How to perform attribute and spatial queries
- Creating X,Y location data, spatial analysis (overlay)
- Accessing the RIGIS data catalog

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URI Landscape Architecture Lectures 2013-2014

Lectures begin at 7:00 P.M. and are held in the Weaver Auditorium on the Kingston Campus of URI. The series is co-sponsored by the College of the Environment and Life Sciences, the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects, and the Rhode Island Nursery and Landscape Association. All lectures are free and open to the public. The lecture hall is handicapped accessible. General questions about the series may be directed to 874-2983.

For Directions visit the URI website at <http://www.uri.edu/ce/wq/OWT/Directions/index.htm>

November 7 2013	Danielle Desilets , Associate and Kristina Stevens Landscape Architect Landscape Architect, Carol R. Johnson & Associates, Boston, MA
December 5 2013	Ken Smith , Principal, Workshop: Ken Smith Landscape Architecture, NY City, & Irvine, CA
March 6 2014	Todd Richardson , Principal, Richardson & Associates, Saco, ME
February 20 2014	Anne Penniman , Principal, Anne Penniman Associates LLC., Essex, CT, Title: "Intersections: Nature/Culture"
March 6 2014	Todd Richardson , Principal, Richardson & Associates, Saco, ME Title: "Context Driven Design; Responding to What's Right in Front of You"
April 3 2014	Gary Hildebrand , Principal, Reed Hildebrand LLC, Watertown, MA, Title: Telescopic
April 17 2014	Marion Pressley , Principal, Pressley Associates, Cambridge, MA, Title: TBA

Earn a Certificate in Computer Seminars REGISTER NOW! Registration cost: \$99 per workshop.

Microsoft Office 2013



- **EXCEL BASICS** Thursday: October 31, 2013
- **OUTLOOK** Thursday: November 7, 2013
- **EXCEL ADVANCED** Thursday: November 14, 2013
- **WORD** Wednesday: November 20, 2013
- **ACCESS** Tuesday: December 3, 2013
- **POWERPOINT & GRAPHICS** Thursday: December 10, 2013

Participants who take Word, Excel (both basics & advanced), PowerPoint & Graphics, and Access* within a maximum time frame of two semesters (Fall/Spring~Spring/Summer~Summer/Fall) will receive a **URI Special Programs Certificate in Computer Seminars**. (*Outlook can be substituted for Access)

For registration form and more details click on our webpage: http://www.uri.edu/prov/certificate_noncredit/noncredit/profdevelopment.html

All workshops meet at **URI Feinstein Providence Campus** 80 Washington Street, Prov. RI~ 9am-4pm in Room 329.

- All workshops use the Microsoft Office 2013 setting.
- Handouts are filled with shortcuts, step-by-step guides/tips and include instructions for Office 2013, 2010, 2007, and 2003.
- **Free parking** at the RI Convention Center Parking Garage.

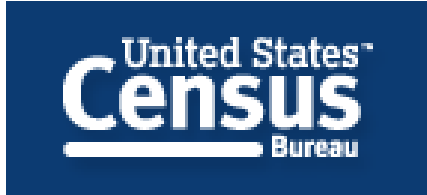
We can run any of our workshops on site at your organization. Contact me for more details.

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FHWA is supporting and encouraging our partners to attend the 2nd "Green Streets, Highways, and Development Conference" sponsored by the Transportation and Development Institute of ASCE. The conference will be held in Austin, TX, from November 3 to 6, 2013.



The U.S. Census Bureau announced revisions to its public release schedule for local statistics from the American Community Survey and results from the Supplemental Poverty Measure. These data were delayed because of the recent lapse in federal funding.

2010-2012 American Community Survey — The Census Bureau plans to release American Community Survey statistics derived from data collected from 2010 to 2012 on Nov. 14, (originally scheduled for Oct. 24). The estimates will cover all geographic areas with populations of 20,000 or more. For the first time, comparison profiles will be available for the three-year statistics. These profiles will permit users to compare changes over two non-overlapping three-year periods (2007-2009 versus 2010-2012).

2008-2012 American Community Survey — The Census Bureau plans to release the five-year American Community Survey statistics covering 2008-2012 on Dec. 17. These statistics are available for all areas regardless of population size, down to the block group.

American Community Survey Public Use Microdata Sample Files — The Public Use Microdata Sample files for the 2012 American Community Survey one-year statistics will be released on Dec. 17, (original release date was Oct. 24); the files for the three-year statistics will be released on Feb. 6, 2014 (original release date was Dec. 5); the files for the five-year statistics will be released on March 6, 2014 (original release date was Jan. 23).

2012 Supplemental Poverty Measure — The third annual report from the Census Bureau describing research on this measure, which complements, but does not replace, the official measure will be released on Nov. 6 (original release date was Oct. 30). The report compares U.S. 2012 supplemental poverty statistics with 2012 official poverty statistics for numerous demographic groups. In addition to the national-level statistics, the report presents supplemental poverty estimates for states using three-year averages (2010-2012). It also compares national 2011 supplemental poverty statistics with 2012 supplemental poverty statistics and examines the effect of excluding individual benefits and necessary costs.

Other Products — The Census Bureau has also posted anticipated dates for the remaining statistical data products expected to be released in 2013. To view the full revised release calendar through the end of 2013, visit the Census Bureau's [release calendar](#).

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Be sure to check the RI Division of Planning website's Geographic and Demographic Information page <http://www.planning.ri.gov/geodeminfo/data/bulletin.php> in November for the latest Census Data Bulletin which will analyze some of the newly released 2012 American Community Survey statistics available for the state.

The screenshot shows the website's navigation menu on the left, including links to Home, About Us, State Guide Plan, Housing & Community Development, Statewide Planning, Water Resources Board, Geographic & Demographic Information, Grant Programs, Councils, Commissions & Committees, Contact Us, and Publications. The main content area is titled "Census Data Bulletins" and includes a brief description of the bulletins. A list of recent bulletins is provided, each with a small icon and a title: "Latinos in Rhode Island (October 2013)", "Language Spoken at Home (September 2013)", "Where to Find the Numbers You Need - Census and ACS (August 2013)", "Local Population Estimates Show Growth in Providence Metro (June 2013)", "Economic Stability (May 2013)", "Diversity, Disparities and Social Equity (April 2013)", "Grandparents in the Household (February 2013)", "School Enrollment and Educational Attainment (January 2013)", "Employment Data for RI Planners (December 2012)", "New ACS Data Shows Change in Households, Labor Force (October 2012)", "Planning and Children in RI (September 2012)", "Geographic Mobility in Rhode Island (August 2012)", "Commuters in Rhode Island (July 2012)", "Rhode Island at Work - Occupations (June 2012)", and "Ainon in Rhode Island (May 2012)". A contact box for Amanda Martin, Principal Planner, is also visible.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE



RI Bays, Rivers, and Watersheds Coordination Team and Conservation Law Foundation Explore Potential for Stormwater Management Districts in Rhode Island in New Report

PROVIDENCE, October 16, 2013 – The Rhode Island Bays, Rivers, and Watersheds Coordination Team (BRWCT), in partnership with the Conservation Law Foundation (CLF), today released a report, entitled [Stormwater Management Districts in Rhode Island: Questions and Answers](#), prepared by CLF with funding from the BRWCT and other supporters. The report analyzes the Rhode Island Stormwater Management District law authorizing municipalities to establish storm water management districts (SMD) as a means of funding improvements to stormwater infrastructure.

Max Greene, staff attorney at CLF, said, "Maintaining the stormwater infrastructure that is needed to minimize the amount of runoff entering Narragansett Bay is expensive. But there are some creative solutions that are being tested in different parts of the country right now. CLF believes that Rhode Island's Stormwater Management District law could allow for some of those creative solutions to be tried here in Rhode Island."

Stormwater pollution is caused when rainwater and flooding from groundwater and rivers moves quickly over paved surfaces like roads, driveways and parking lots, picking up tar, oil, chemicals, metals and other harmful pollutants. While vegetation acts as a natural filter for rainwater, polluted runoff that rushes off of these hard surfaces flows directly into nearby waterways and ultimately, Narragansett Bay. Municipal storm drains that aren't properly maintained and property owners' failure to capture and treat runoff greatly exacerbate the introduction of stormwater pollutants to lakes, and ponds, streams, rivers, Narragansett Bay and other coastal waters.

Speaking to the State's role in addressing the problem of polluted runoff, Ames Colt, Chair of the Bays, Rivers, and Watersheds Coordination Team, said, "The BRWCT continues to work with Rhode Island towns and cities to help them assess the financial and management advantages of municipal SMDs to reduce flooding, mitigate storm damages, treat stormwater pollution, eliminate beach closures, lift prohibitions on shellfish harvesting, and replace aging stormwater infrastructure at the lowest possible cost." In addition to providing support for the production of this Report, the BRWCT is supporting SMD feasibility assessments in Middletown, West Warwick, and several municipalities in upper Narragansett Bay.

As well as providing guidance on key legal questions regarding the design and implementation of SMDs, the Report highlights the benefits of using the Rhode Island SMD statute to address critical storm water management challenges.

The [full report is available for download](#) at Conservation Law Foundation's website.

The Rhode Island Bays, Rivers, and Watersheds Coordination team is a state interagency commission dedicated to the protection, management, restoration and sustainable utilization of Rhode Island's fresh and marine waters and watersheds. The BRWCT conducts strategic planning, fosters multi-stakeholder partnerships, and makes targeted investments in science, monitoring, data assessment, planning, and evaluation.

[Conservation Law Foundation \(CLF\)](#) protects New England's environment for the benefit of all people. Using the law, science and the market, CLF creates solutions that preserve natural resources, build healthy communities, and sustain a vibrant economy region-wide. Founded in 1966, CLF is a nonprofit, member-supported organization with offices in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont.